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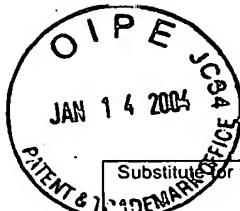


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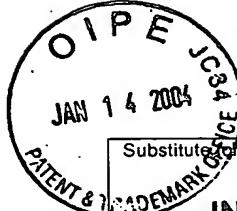
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	AJ1	US-4,621,077	11/04/1986	Rosini et al.	
	AK1	US-4,624,947	11/25/1986	Blum et al.	
	AL1	US-4,705,651	11/10/1987	Staibano	
	AM1	US-4,711,880	12/08/1987	Stahl et al.	
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	AO1	US-4,761,406	08/02/1988	Flora et al.	
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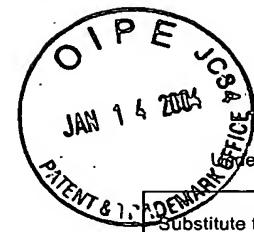
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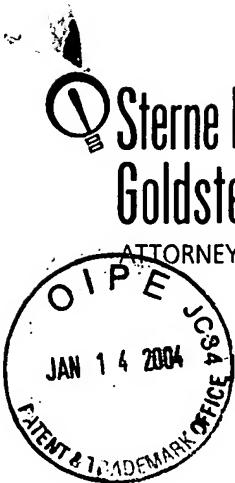
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